Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
AMBLYOPIA	A reduction in the acuteness of	Mild: Can usually pass screening test. Visual acuity is no	This condition generally affects only one eye and is STABLE.
	vision without apparent eye	worse than 20/70.	
(Lazy Eye)	disease. This condition cannot be		Vision functions that may be impaired:
	entirely corrected by lenses.	Moderate: Moderate degree of distortion and degraded	
		central vision, most often in one eye. Visual acuity is	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
		20/70 - 20/200.	Night Vision
			Judgment of Distance
		Severe: Minimal central and peripheral vision with	Peripheral Vision (in very severe cases)
		reduction of perceived brightness in affected eye. Visual	, , ,
		acuity is worse than 20/200.	

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	the condition is mild or this stable condition was previously identified	N/A
Driving Test	the visual acuity in one eye is 20/70 or worse • If the test is passed,	issue a license. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is failed	• determine if a Special Driving Test should be given or if the driver just needs more training or practice. Retesting after training or practice can be done either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	 the visual acuity is 20/100 or worse in both eyes, or the Driving Test is failed and it is determined the person may show improvement on the Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test. 	issue a limited term license if the test is satisfactory. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
Immediate Revocation	the Driving Test or Special Driving Test is failed and the condition is so severe that improvement will never be made or compensated for	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to have the driving record immediately updated.

RESTRICTIONS (Add only if the driver passes the driving test or special driving test and they are not already coded on the record.)

- Corrective lenses
- Add a sunrise to sunset if the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62.
- Additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
APHAKIA	Absence of the crystalline lens of	Mild: Corrected by contact lenses.	This condition is STABLE. The quality of near and far vision
	the eye; usually the result of		is dependent upon the correctability of visual acuity with
Also see	cataract removal surgery.	Moderate: Corrected by glasses or contact lenses and	contact lenses and/or glasses.
Cataract and		glasses.	
Pseudophakia			Moderate: Partial peripheral field loss (ring scotoma) due to
		Severe: Uncorrectable condition, rarely seen.	thick glasses.
			Severe: Inability to focus
			Vision functions that may be impaired:
			Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery
			Judgment of Distance
			Peripheral Vision
			Eye Movements

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	this stable condition was previously identified and the driver	N/A
	has continued to demonstrate compensation.	
	the condition is moderate and is coming to the department's	
Driving Test	attention for the first time.	
	• If the test is passed,	issue a license. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is failed,	• determine if a Special Driving Test should be given or if the driver just needs more training or practice. Retesting after training or practice can be done either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
	the condition is severe.	
Special Driving Test	 If the test is satisfactory, 	issue a license. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section
		13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to
		have the driving record immediately updated.

RESTRICTIONS (Add only if the driver passes the driving test or special driving test and they are not already coded on the record.)

- Corrective lenses
- May need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
ASTIGMATISM	A condition in which the visual	Mild: Correctable by lenses.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE. The person's vision
	image is poorly focused.		will be double or blurred without corrective lenses.
Also see	Generally correctable by lenses.	Moderate: Correctable by lenses.	
Keratoconus			Vision functions that may be impaired:
		Severe: Uncorrectable.	
			Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	the condition is mild or moderate and the screening	N/A
	standards have been met.	
Driving Test	the condition is mild or moderate but the screening standards	
	cannot be met.	
	• If the test is passed,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Add appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is failed	• determine if a Special Driving Test should be given or if the driver just needs more training or practice. Retesting after training or practice can be done either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	the condition is severe.	
	• the test is satisfactory,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Add appropriate restrictions.
	• the test is unsatisfactory	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to have the driving record immediately updated.

RESTRICTIONS (Add if not already coded on the record.)

Corrective lenses

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
BRAIN TUMOR	A tumor may be in the brain or skull. It may be a	Mild: Slow growing tumor or	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE. It may cause a
OR LESION	primary tumor or part of another tumor.	lesion.	lack of awareness of visual stimuli on one side of the visual
causing vision			field (spatial neglect).
disorders	A brain lesion refers to a portion of the brain that has	Moderate: Tumor or lesion	
	been damaged. The tumor or lesion may cause:	increases the chances of perceptual	Vision functions that may be impaired:
Also see Head	swelling	and motor deficits.	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
Trauma and	inflammation of the optic nerve.		Night Vision
Hemianopia	• inflammation of the visual center of the brain.	Severe: Tumor or lesion may	Judgment of Distance
		cause inability to identify objects	Peripheral Vision
	Any of these disturbances may result in a disruption of	see; may cause blindness.	Eye Movements
	the processing of vital information.		Visual Perception

Action Needed	When	Then
Refer to Driver	Always refer to Driver Safety regardless of the level of	N/A
Safety.	severity.	

DRIVER SAFETY SPECIALIST

	Action Needed	То	Then
1.	Evaluate the DL 62 and the DS 326	determine if it is safe to schedule a Special Driving Test.	If the medical documentation indicates it is safe to place the driver in a vehicle with an examiner, schedule a Special Driving Test. If it is not safe, impose revocation.
2.	Schedule a Special Driving Test	evaluate driving skills and compensating abilities. • If the test is satisfactory,	consult the DL 62 (prognosis) and the DS 326 (levels of functional impairments) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Appropriate actions include calendar reexamination, limited term license, or Medical Probation II, with appropriate restrictions
		If the test is unsatisfactory, and the condition is severe but correctable,	impose suspension.
		If the test is unsatisfactory, and the condition is sever and uncorrectable,	• impose suspension.

ADVICE AND RESTRICTIONS (Add only if the driver passes the driving test or special driving test and they are not already coded on the record.)

- Corrective lenses
- Advise driver to scan often.
- May need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.
- Impose a sunrise to sunset restriction, if the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62.
- May need an area or no freeway restrictions due to spatial neglect.

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Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
CATARACT	Opacity or clouding of the	Mild: Cataract is just beginning to show (incipient).	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE.
	crystalline lens. Usually	No significant vision loss. Lens absorbs fluids and	
Also see	correctable by surgery. May be	swells (immature).	Vision functions that may be impaired:
Pseudophakia.	associated with a diabetic		
	condition or other metabolic	Moderate: Lens shrinks and becomes opaque causing	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
	diseases. May also be caused by	loss of vision (mature).	Night Vision
	age, eye injury, or heredity.		Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery
		Severe: Nucleus is solid and shrunken, or soft and	Judgment of Distance
		liquid (hypermature). Vision loss is severe,	Peripheral Vision
		sometimes leading to blindness.	1

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	the condition is mild, there is no significant vision loss, and the screening standards have been met.	Issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Add appropriate restrictions.
Driving Test	 the condition is mild but vision does not meet the screening standard, or the condition is moderate. If the test is passed, 	issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Add appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is failed	• determine if a Special Driving Test should be given. Consider whether the driver may be able to show improvement if given a longer test, or if tested in areas that may be accommodated by restrictions.
Special Driving Test	 the condition is severe. the Driving Test is failed but improvement in driving may be demonstrated on a longer test. If the test is satisfactory, 	 issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Add appropriate restrictions.
	the test is unsatisfactory	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to have the driving record immediately updated.

- Impose a sunrise to sunset restriction if the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62.
- May need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mount.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
CEREBRAL	Paralysis resulting from developmental defects in the	Mild: Minimal impairment.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE.
PALSY	brain or brain trauma at birth.		
		Moderate: Difficulty with	Vision functions that may be impaired:
		involuntary eye movement.	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Peripheral Vision
		Severe: Can include degeneration	Night Vision
		of the optic nerve. The person will	Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery
		experience increased difficulties	Judgment of Distance
		with unpredictable changes.	Eye Movements
			Visual Perception

Action Needed	When	Then
Refer to Driver	Always refer to Driver Safety regardless of the level of	N/A
Safety.	severity.	

DRIVER SAFETY SPECIALIST

	Action Needed	To	Then
1.	Evaluate the DL 62 and the DS 326	determine if it is safe to schedule a Special Driving Test.	If the medical documentation indicates it is safe to place the driver in a vehicle with an examiner, schedule a Special Driving Test. If it is not safe, impose revocation.
2.	Schedule a Special Driving Test	evaluate driving skills and compensating abilities. • If the test is satisfactory,	consult the DL 62 (prognosis) and the DS 326 (levels of functional impairments) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Appropriate actions include calendar reexamination, limited term license, or Medical Probation II, with appropriate restrictions
		• If the test is unsatisfactory, ,	impose suspension.

RESTRICTIONS

• May need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.

VISION CONDITION

COLOR VISION DEFICIENCY	A hereditary condition that produces a reduced ability to distinguish certain shades of color.	Mild: No functional impairment. Moderate: Potential for confusion of some colors under certain lighting conditions.	This condition is STABLE. It frequently involves red and green colors. In rare cases, all colors are perceived as gray (monochromacy). Color deficiency is large inconsequential unless visual acuity is involved.
		Severe: Inability to distinguish certain shades of color.	

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED BY EITHER THE EXAMINER OR DRIVER SAFETY SPECIALIST FOR COLOR VISION DEFICIENCY.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
DIABETIC	A disorder of the retina resulting from	Mild: Reduced central and peripheral vision.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE.
RETINOPATHY	diabetes. This condition damages the	Usually seen in the early stages of	
	receptor cells in the eyes.	development. Nonproliferative retinopathy	Mild: Blurred vision for days at a time with no significant damage
		occurs when new blood vessels grow on the	to the retina. Nonproliferative retinopathy causes bleeding into the
	Retinopathy results from blood leaking	surface of the retina and rupture.	vitreous resulting in clouded vision
	into the clear fluid (vitreous) inside the		
	eye. This can cause the retina to	Moderate: Blind spots in visual fields and	Moderate: Ongoing blurring and distorted vision. Reduced night
	detach.	reduced peripheral and central vision are	vision and possible glare sensitivity. Macular edema results in
		usually seen in the advanced stages of	blurred central vision.
		development. Macular edema is a condition	
		that results when tissues swell within the	Severe: Loss in peripheral vision or blindness if not surgically
		macula.	corrected.
		Severe: Proliferative retinopathy is a severe	Vision functions that may be impaired:
		condition that results when abnormal blood	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
		vessels begin growing on the surface of the	Peripheral Vision
		retina causing retinal detachment.	Night Vision
			Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery

Action Needed	If	Then
Driving Test	the condition is in the mild stage	
	• If the test is passed,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is failed,	• determine if a Special Driving Test should be given or if the driver should be referred to Driver Safety to have the whole diabetic condition evaluated.
Special Driving Test	the Driving Test is failed and it is determined the person	Refer the results to Driver Safety so that the entire diabetic condition can be evaluated
	may show improvement of the Special Driving Test.	fully.
Refer to Driver Safety	the condition is in the moderate or severe stages.	N/A

DRIVER	If	Then
SAFETY	the Special Driving Test was satisfactory,	impose a Calendar Reexamination or Medical Probation Type II. Consult the DL 62
SPECIALIST		(prognosis) and the DS 326 to determine when the driver should return/report to DMV.
		Add appropriate restrictions.
	the Special Driving Test was unsatisfactory, or the diabetic	impose suspension.
	condition is not controlled,	

- If the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.
- May need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
DIPLOPIA	Double vision. (This condition is	Mild: Occasional overlapping images.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE. The person sees
	rarely reported to DMV.)		one object as two; not a blur but separate images of the same
		Moderate: Constant overlapping images.	object.
		Severe: Constant double vision.	Vision functions that may be impaired:
			Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Night Vision
			Peripheral Vision
			Visual Perception

Action Needed	When	Then
Driving Test	The condition is mild.	
	If the test is passed,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	 If the test is failed, 	• determine if a Special Driving Test should be given. Consider whether the driver may
		be able to show improvement in driving if given a longer test, or tested in areas that
		may be accommodated by restrictions.
Special Driving Test	The condition is moderate or severe, or the Driving Test was failed and improvement may be shown on the Special	
	Driving Test but not on another Driving Test.	
	If the Special Driving Test was satisfactory,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the Special Driving Test was unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the revocation.

ADVICE AND RESTRICTIONS

- The driver may need to close one eye or use a patch if the condition is bothersome or affects driving.
- If the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
GLAUCOMA	Damages the optic nerve.	Mild: May have blind spots in visual field.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE.
	Characterized by excessive		
Also see	pressure within the eyeball.	Moderate: Large areas of blind spots in visual field.	Vision functions that may be impaired:
Peripheral	Treatable by eye drops and/or		
Vision,	surgery to prevent further damage.	Severe: Tunnel vision develops into blindness.	Night Vision
Decreased	May be associated with a diabetic		Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery
	condition, high blood pressure, or		Peripheral Vision
	hardening of the arteries.		•

Action Needed	If	Then
Driving Test	the condition is in the mild or moderate stages.	
	If the test is passed,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is failed	• determine if a Special Driving Test should be given or if revocation should be imposed if improvement or compensation will never be made. See below for revocation procedure.
Special Driving Test	the Driving Test was failed and it is determined the person might show improvement on a Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test.	
	If the results are satisfactory,	• issue a limited term license if the test is satisfactory. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	 If the results are unsatisfactory, 	impose revocation. See below.
Immediate	the Driving Test or Special Driving Test is failed and the	issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section
Revocation	condition is so severe that improvement will never be made or compensated for	13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the Driver Safety office to request the driving record to be updated immediately to reflect the revocation.

- If the condition is severe, or the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.
- The driver may need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
HEAD TRAUMA	Focusing difficulties and multiple vision conditions are caused by injuries to the head.	Not applicable.	Visual impairments resulting from a head injury are potentially PROGRESSIVE.
Also see Hemianopsia and Brain Tumor			Vision functions that may be impaired: Central Vision/Vision Acuity Judgment of Distance Peripheral Vision Eye Movements Visual Perception

Action Needed	When	Then
Refer to Driver	Always refer to Driver Safety regardless of the level of	N/A
Safety.	severity.	

DRIVER SAFETY SPECIALIST

	Action Needed	То	Then
1	Evaluate the DL 62 and the DS 326	determine if it is safe to schedule a Special Driving Test.	If the medical documentation indicates it is safe to place the driver in a vehicle with an examiner, schedule a Special Driving Test.
2	. Schedule a Special Driving Test	evaluate driving skills and compensating abilities. • If the test is satisfactory,	consult the DL 62 (prognosis) and the DS 326 (levels of functional impairments) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Appropriate actions include calendar reexamination, limited term license, or Medical Probation II, with appropriate restrictions
		 If the test is unsatisfactory, 	impose revocation.

RESTRICTIONS

- The driver may need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.
- Additional restrictions, not related to vision, may also need to be imposed by the driver safety specialist.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
HEMIANOPSIA	A disconnection between the eye and brain.	Not applicable.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE. The driver may
or			not be able to see objects or events on one side of the visual
HEMIANOPIA	Loss of vision for the entire left or right side of the		field. The driver may not be aware of his/her vision loss, and
	visual field in one or both eyes.		therefore, not compensate for what is not seen.
Also see			
Peripheral Vision,			Vision functions that may be impaired:
Decreased			Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Night Vision
			Peripheral Vision
			Visual Perception

Action Needed		When		Then
Special Drive Test	Always.		•	issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the
	•	If the results are satisfactory,		driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	•	If the results are unsatisfactory,	•	issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety office to have the driving record immediately updated.

- The driver may need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.
- Advise the driver to frequently scan.
- If the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
HYPEROPIA or Farsightedness.		Mild: Generally correctable by lenses such as reading glasses	This condition is STABLE. There will be a loss of visual
HYPERMETROPIA		and bifocals.	acuity for near objects such as the letters on this page. There is
			little or no impairment unless corrective lenses obstruct
		Moderate: Partially correctable by lenses.	peripheral vision.
		Severe: Significant loss of vision with lenses. Peripheral vision	Vision functions that may be impaired:
		loss with thick lenses (ring scotoma).	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Peripheral Vision, if lenses in glasses are very thick.

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	the condition is mild or moderate and the screening standards have been met, or this stable condition was previously identified and the driver has consistently demonstrated compensation.	N/A
Driving Test	 the condition is moderate but the screening standards cannot be met, or the condition is severe. If the test is passed, 	issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is failed	• determine if a Special Driving Test should be given if additional training or practice is needed. Retesting after training or practice can be done either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	the Driving Test is failed and it is determined the person may show improvement on the Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test. • If the results are satisfactory,	 issue a limited term license if the test is satisfactory. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the results are unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the revocation.

- The driver may need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.
- May need corrective lenses

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments	
KERATOCONUS	Cone-shaped deformity of the	Mild: Contact lenses can correct visual acuity.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE.	
	cornea.			
		Moderate: Contact lenses may correct visual acuity to	Vision functions that may be impaired:	
		some extent.		
			Central Vision/Vision Acuity	
		Severe: Contact lenses cannot be fitted. Cornea transplant	Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery	
		may be required or other corrective surgery.	Visual Perception	

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	the condition is mild and contact lenses are worn.	N/A
Driving Test	the condition is moderate and contact lenses are worn. • If the test is passed,	 issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is failed	 determine if a Special Driving Test should be given or if additional training or practice is needed. Retesting after training or practice can be done either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	 the Driving Test is failed and it is determined the person may show improvement on the Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test. the condition is severe. If the test is satisfactory, 	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the
	If the test is unsatisfactory,	 driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions. issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to have the driving record immediately updated.

- May need a sunrise to sunset restriction when the condition is severe and the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62.
- Corrective lenses

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
MACULAR	Degeneration of the portion	Mild: Mild loss of visual acuity.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE. It will cause
DEGENERATION	of the retina (macula)		reduction in color vision, inability to see fine detail, read road
	responsible for central	Moderate: Significant acuity loss in one or both eyes.	signs, and identify objects. The person will also have difficulty
	vision and color perception.		in judging closing speeds.
	This condition is more	Severe: Severe loss of central vision in one or both eyes	
	common in older adults.	(blindness).	Vision functions that may be impaired:
			Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery
			Night Vision
			Judgment of Distance
			NOTE: Individuals with macular degeneration may be
			prescribed a bioptic telescopic lens.

Action Needed	If	Then
Driving Test	the condition is mild, but the screening standards cannot be	
	met.	
	• If the test is passed,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is failed	• determine if a Special Driving Test should be given or if the driver just needs more training or practice. Retesting after training or practice can be done either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	the condition is in the moderate or severe stage.	
	If the test is satisfactory,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the revocation.

- Bioptic telescopic lens may be needed.
- An area restriction may be needed when the condition is moderate or severe.
- If the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, and the driver does not use a bioptic lens, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.
- If the driver wears a bioptic lens, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
1		Mild: Visual acuity is no worse than 20/40 in the sighted eye, corrected or uncorrected.	This condition is STABLE for the unsighted eye.
		Moderate: Visual acuity is correctable by glasses or a contact lens in the sighted eye. Severe: Visual acuity in the sighted eye is worse than 20/200 and is uncorrectable.	Vision functions that may be impaired: Central Vision/Vision Acuity Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery Judgment of Distance Peripheral Vision

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	this stable condition was previously identified and the driver continues to demonstrate compensation.	N/A
Driving Test	the person is applying for an original license or if the person developed the loss of vision in one eye since the last renewal. • If the test is passed,	issue a license. Add appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is failed	 determine if a Special Driving Test is needed or just additional training and practice is needed. Retesting after training or practice can be done with a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	the Driving Test is failed, and it is determined the person may show improvement on a Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test. • If the test is satisfactory,	e issue a license. Add enprepriete rectrictions
	If the test is unsatisfactory,	 issue a license. Add appropriate restrictions. issue the driver an Order of Suspension, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the suspension.

- May need corrective lenses.
- Additional mirrors may be needed. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.
- Advise to scan often.

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Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
MULTIPLE	Inflammatory disease of the Central Nervous	Mild: The person usually recovers from	This condition is usually PROGRESSIVE. Fatigue and/or heat
SCLEROSIS	System. Can cause nystagmus, diplopia, and/or	a single episode.	may affect stamina which reduces the ability to drive safely.
	optic nerve damage.		The condition may be worse in the afternoon due to fatigue.
		Moderate: N/A	
			Vision functions that may be impaired:
		Severe: Affects every category of	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
		visual function.	Visual Perception
			Night Vision
			Judgment of Distance
			Peripheral Vision
			Eye Movements
			Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery

EXAMINER

Action Needed	When	Then
Refer to Driver	Always refer to Driver Safety regardless of the level of	N/A
Safety.	severity.	

DRIVER SAFETY SPECIALIST

	Action Needed	To	Then
1.	Evaluate the DL 62 and the DS 326	determine if it is safe to schedule a Special Driving Test.	If the medical documentation indicates it is safe to place the driver in a vehicle with an examiner, schedule a Special Driving Test.
2.	Schedule a Special Driving Test	determine driving skills and compensating abilities. • If the test is satisfactory,	consult the DL 62 (prognosis) and the DS 326 (levels of functional impairments) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Appropriate actions include calendar reexamination, limited term license, or Medical Probation II, with appropriate restrictions.
		 If the test is unsatisfactory, 	impose revocation.

ADVICE AND RESTRICTIONS

- May need an area restriction
- If the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.
- May need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
MYOPIA	Nearsightedness	Mild: Generally correctable by lenses.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE. Loss of visual
			acuity for distant objects such as the letters on a highway sign
		Moderate: N/A	is experienced unless corrected by lenses.
		Severe: Not fully correctable by lenses.	Mild: No visual problems while wearing corrective lenses.
			Severe: Visual field reduction.
			Vision functions that may be impaired:
			Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Eye Movements
			Night Vision
			Visual Perception
			Peripheral Vision

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	the condition is mild and corrected by lenses	N/A
Driving Test	the condition is not corrected by lenses or is severe.	
	If the test is passed,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is failed	 determine if a Special Driving Test should be given or if additional training is needed. Retesting after training or practice can be done with a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	the person failed the Driving Test and it is determined that the person may be able to show improvement on a Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test.	
	If the test is satisfactory,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the suspension.

- May need corrective lenses.
- May need a bioptic telescopic lens.
- If the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
NYSTAGMUS	Repetitive involuntary eye	Mild: Minimal visual acuity loss.	This condition is STABLE. When the condition is severe, the
	movements.		person will have a tendency to look at objects from the side by
		Moderate: Moderate visual acuity loss.	turning the head.
		Severe: Significant visual acuity loss.	Vision functions that may be impaired:
			Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery
			Eye Movements
			NOTE: Individuals with severe nystagmus may be prescribed a
			bioptic telescopic lens.

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	this stable condition was previously identified and the driver	N/A
	continues to demonstrate compensation.	
Driving Test	the vision standards have not been met and the DL 62	
	indicates the best possible correction cannot improve the	
	visual acuity to 20/40 or better.	
	• If the test is passed,	issue a license. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is failed	 determine if a Special Driving Test is needed or just additional training or practice is needed. Retesting after training or practice can be done either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	the person failed the Driving Test and it is determined that the person could probably show improvement on a Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test.	
	 If the test is satisfactory, 	issue a license. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the revocation.

- May need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.
- May need corrective lenses.
- May need a bioptic telescopic lens.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
PERIPHERAL	A reduction, or blind spots, in the field of vision.	Mild: Loss of small portions of	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE. When the
VISION,		peripheral (side) vision.	condition is severe, the person will be unable to compensate
Decreased			even with head movements.
		Moderate: Reduced ability to see to the	
(Tunnel Vision)		side without moving head.	Vision functions that may be impaired:
			Night Vision
		Severe: Very small field of view (20° or	Peripheral Vision
		less) AKA tunnel vision.	-

Action Needed		If		Then
Evaluate to determine if it	•	it is safe to take this person out on the road, give a		
is safe to give a Special		Special Driving Test.		
Driving Test. Refer to the		 If the results are satisfactory, 	•	issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the
DL 62 to see how severely		•		driver should return to DMV. Add appropriate restrictions
obstructed the field of		 If the results are unsatisfactory, 	•	impose a revocation. See below for revocation procedures.
view is. Minimal	•	it is not safe to take this person out on the road,	•	issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section
impairment will probably				13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety office to
render the driver safer				request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the revocation.
than someone with a field				
of view of 20° or less.				

ADVICE AND RESTRICTIONS

- May need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.
- If the condition is severe, may need a no freeway restriction.
- If the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, or the condition is severe, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.
- Advise the driver to scan often.

VISION CONDITION

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
PRESBYOPIA	Reduced ability to focus close objects without	Correctable by reading glasses or	Not applicable.
	glasses.	bifocals.	

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED BY EITHER THE EXAMINER OR DRIVER SAFETY SPECIALIST FOR PRESBYOPIA.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
PSEUDOPHAKIA	Replacement of the natural	Visual acuity can be corrected with glasses and/or	This condition is STABLE. Quality of near and far vision is
	lens with a plastic lens called	contacts to varying degrees.	dependent upon correctability of visual acuity with contact lens
Also see Cataract.	an Intra-Ocular Lens (IOL).		and/or glasses.
			Vision functions that may be impaired:
			Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery
			Judgment of Distance
			Peripheral Vision
			Eye Movements

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	this stable condition was previously identified and the driver continues to demonstrate compensation.	N/A
Driving Test	the person is applying for an original license or the IOL was implanted since the last renewal. • If the test is passed,	issue a license. Add appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is failed,	• determine if a Special Driving Test is needed or just additional training or practice is needed. Retesting after training or practice can be either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	the person failed the Driving Test and it is determined that the person could probably show improvement on a Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test.	
	• If the test is satisfactory,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Add appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the revocation.

• May need corrective lenses

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
RETINAL	Small holes or tears in the	Mild: No significant visual symptoms.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE. It may cause
DETACHMENT,	retina which can lead to retinal		additional peripheral field loss.
Tear, or Hole	detachment. Portion(s) of the	Moderate: Peripheral and/or central vision loss is	
	retina lift away from the wall of	experienced.	Vision functions that may be impaired:
	the eye. Detachment, tears, and		
	holes can usually be repaired.	Severe: Blindness.	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
			Night Vision
	This condition may be		Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery
	associated with a diabetic		Judgment of Distance
	condition or eye injury.		Peripheral Vision

Action Needed	If	Then
Driving Test	the condition is mild.	
	 If the test is passed, 	issue a license. Add appropriate restrictions.
	• If the test is failed	• determine if a Special Driving Test is needed or just additional training or practice is needed. Retesting after training or practice can be done either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	 the condition is moderate the person failed the Driving Test and it is determined the person could probably show improvement on a Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test. If the test is satisfactory, 	 issue a limited term license if the test. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety office to request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the revocation.
Revocation	the condition is severe.	Same as above.

- If the condition is mild, and the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.
- If the condition is moderate, the driver may need an area restriction, no freeway driving, and sunrise to sunset restrictions.
- Advise driver to scan often.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
RETINITIS	Degeneration of the retina. It	Mild: Small areas of peripheral field loss.	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE.
PIGMENTOSA	almost always affects both eyes.		
		Moderate: Multiple areas of peripheral field loss.	Vision functions that may be impaired:
		Severe: Peripheral and central vision loss. May	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
		eventually lead to blindness.	Night Vision
			Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery
			Judgment of Distance
			Peripheral Vision

Action Needed	If	Then
Special Driving Test	the condition is mild, moderate or severe.	
	• If the test is satisfactory,	• issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to request the driving record by updated immediately to reflect the revocation.

- If the doctor advised no night driving as indicated on the DL 62, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.
- Impose an area restriction when the condition is severe.
- Advise driver to scan often
- Additional mirrors may be needed. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
STRABISMUS	Misalignment of the eyes.	Mild to Moderate: Occasional eye turning. Often has	This condition is STABLE.
		amblyopia in the deviating eye. In some cases the person	
		may have diplopia.	Vision functions that may be impaired:
		Severe: Constant turning of one eye. Eyes cannot be kept	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
		aligned.	Judgment of Distance

Action Needed	If	Then
No Action	this stable condition was previously identified and the driver continues to demonstrate compensation.	N/A
Driving Test	the person is applying for an original license or the condition has developed since the last renewal. • If the test is passed, • If the test is failed,	 issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions. determine if a Special Driving Test should be given or if more training is needed to compensate for vision loss. Retesting after training or practice can be done either by a Driving Test or Special Driving Test.
Special Driving Test	the person failed the Driving Test and it is determined the person may show improvement on a Special Driving Test but not on another Driving Test. • If the test is satisfactory,	issue a limited term license. Consult the DL 62 (prognosis) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Impose appropriate restrictions.
	If the test is unsatisfactory,	• issue the driver an Order of Revocation, under the authority of Vehicle Code Section 13953, before the driver leaves the field office. Call the local Driver Safety Office to request the driving record be updated immediately to reflect the revocation.

• May need corrective lenses

Condition	Definition	Range of Severity	Stability and Functional Impairments
STROKE and other	Bleeding into the brain caused by a rupture	A stroke affects every category of	This condition is potentially PROGRESSIVE.
Vascular Lesions	or occlusion of an artery which may lead to	visual functions. It is important to	
	sudden loss of consciousness followed by	consider the overall general health	Vision functions that may be impaired:
AKA Cerebral Vascular	paralysis.	of the person.	Central Vision/Vision Acuity
Accident (CVA) and			Visual Perception
Apoplexy.			Night Vision
			Judgment of Distance
Also see Brain Tumor,			Peripheral Vision
Head Trauma, and			Eye Movements
Hemianopsia.			Glare Resistance/Glare Recovery

Option	When	Then
Refer to Driver	Always refer to Driver Safety so that all manifestations of	N/A
Safety.	this condition can be evaluated together.	

HEARING OFFICER

	Step	То	Then
1.	Evaluate the DL	determine if it is safe to schedule a Special Driving Test.	If the medical documentation indicates it is safe to place the driver in a vehicle with an
	62 and the DS		examiner, schedule a Special Driving Test.
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2.	Schedule a	evaluate driving skills and compensating abilities.	
	Special Driving Test	If the test is satisfactory,	• consult the DL 62 (prognosis) and the DS 326 (levels of functional impairments) to determine when the driver should return to DMV. Appropriate actions include calendar reexamination, limited term license, or Medical Probation II, with appropriate restrictions
		 If the test is unsatisfactory, 	• impose revocation.

RESTRICTIONS

- If the doctor advised the driver not to drive at night, as indicated on the DL 62, impose a sunrise to sunset restriction.
- May need an area restriction.
- May need additional mirrors. Consider right side, wide angle, panoramic, rear view, right or left fender mounted mirrors.